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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A) IR

SUBJ: VISIT OF SECY TO IRAN

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1. AMB AND DCM MET OVER LUNCH JULY 14 WITH MIN OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE HUSHANG ANSARY TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR VISIT OF SECRETARY TO IRAN FOR USIRJC MEETING. THE SHAH WILL PROBABLY BE A NOWSHAHR (ON THE CASPIAN) DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. ANSARY PROPOSES THAT THE SECRETARY GO IMMEDIATELY TO NOWSHSHR AFTER DEPLANING IN TEHRAN. TEHRAN/NOWSHAHR FLIGHT IS 20 TO 30 MINUTES AND WOULD BE ONE OR ANOTHER TYPE OF SPECIAL CONFIGURED IRANIAN VIP PLANE. UPON ARRIVAL IN NOWSHSHR, SECRETARY WOULD HAVE AN AUDIENCE WITH HIS MAJESTY AND, IF TIMING IS RIGHT, LUNCH BEFORE RETURNING TO TEHRAN IN THE AFTERNOON. THEREAFTER, SCHEDULE IN TEHRAN COULD INCLUDE A DINNER WITH EITHER THE PRIMIN OR ANSARY ASARY AS HOST. AFTERNOON OF FIRST DAY OR MORNING OF SECOND COULD INCLUDE PLENARY SESSION OF THE USIRJC AND A MEETING WITH THE PRIMIN. RETURN HOSPITALITY COULD BE A LUNCH WITH EITHER THE SECRETARY OR THE AMBASSADOR AS HOST. AFTERNOON OF THE SECOND DAY COULD INCLUDE PRIVATE MEETING WITH ANSARY, ISSUANCE OF COMMUNIQUE RE USIRJC, CONCLUSIONS, AND POSSIBLE MEETING WITH THE PRESS. SECRETARY COULD DEPART EVENING OF SECOND DAY OR FOLLOWING MORNING, AS DESIRED.

2. ANSARY INDICATED THAT IF FOREGOING IS NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF TIME OF SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL, SCHEDULE COULD BE ADJUSTED FOR
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SECRETARY TO REMAIN OVERNIGHT AT NEWLY COMPLETED HYATT HOTEL NEAR

NOWSHSHR. AUDIENCE WITH THE SHAH WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY DINNER. SUBSEQUENTLY, ANSARY JOKINGLY SUGGESTED SECRETARY COULD TRY HIS HAND AT HYATT HOTEL GAMING TABLES. IF OVERNIGHT IN NOWSHSHR IS PLANNED, WE WILL OF COURSE HAVE TO LOOK INTO COMMUNICATIONS TIE, WHICH MAY PROVE TO BE ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT SINCE THIS IS RELATIVELY NEWLY DEVELOPED PART OF THE COUNTRY WITH LIMITED COMMUNICATION TIES WITH TEHRAN AND ONWARD. AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDS AGAINST OVERNIGHT STAY IN NOWSHSHR IF COMMUNICATIONS NEED TO BE ESTABLISHED.

3. NO AIRFIELD NEAR NOWSHAHR COULD ACCOMMODATE SECRETARY'S PLANE AND NO NIGHT LANDING OR TAKE-OFF POSSIBLE BECAUSE AIRFIELD NOT EQUIPPED WITH LIGHTS.

4. ANSARY NEEDS TO KNOW SECRETARY'S DESIRES ASAP, INCLUDING FIRM DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL AND NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WILL NEED TO BE WITH SECRETARY AT NOWSHAHR, SO THAT APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. THIS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL IF DECISION MADE TO REMAIN OVERNIGHT, SINCE NOWSHSHR IS SEASIDE RESORT AREA, HEAVILY BOOKED THIS TIME OF YEAR.

5. ANSARY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER MRS KISSINGER AND SECRETARY'S SON AND/OR DAUGHTER ACCOMPANYING, AND WHETHER SEPARATE SCHEDULE TO VISIT OTHER PARTS OF IRAN--I.E., ISFAHAN--DESIRED.

6. ANSARY ASKED THAT WE CONVEY TO THE SECRETARY HIS DEEP PLEASURE AND GREAT ANTICIPATION IN RECEIVING HIM HERE. HE VERY MUCH HOPES THAT THE VISIT WILL BE PLEASANT AND PRODUCTIVE.

7. DETAILS RE SUBSTANCE OF COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOLLOW SEPTTEL.
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